County and State Population Highlights

September 2009 Data Release, State Demographer, Office of State Budget and Management

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- 2008 State Estimates and County Estimates
- 2000-2007 Revised State and County Population Estimates
- 2009-2029 State and County Population Projections

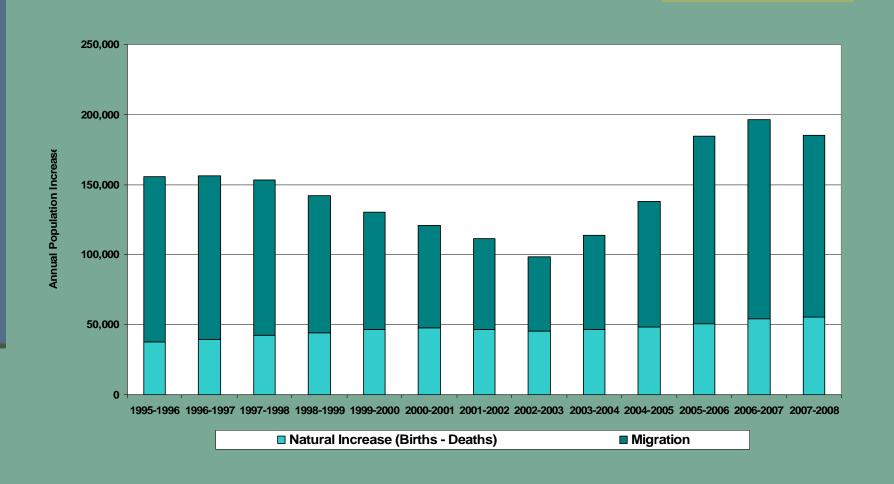
State Population Estimates/Projections

- July 2008 Estimate:9,227,016
- Growth over 2007:185,195 People, 2.05%
- July 2029 Projection:12,753,597

Did you know?

The July 1, 2008 data release indicates that more than 1 million births have occurred in North Carolina since April 2000.

Components of Growth



State Age Structure

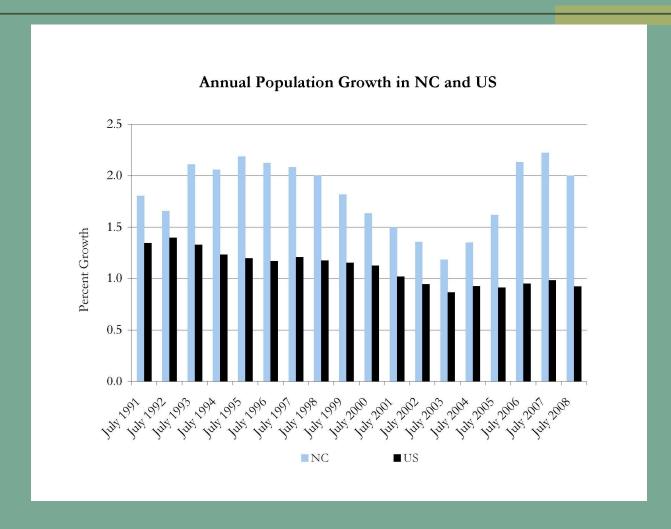
2008

- Median age: 37.1
- Med age, males: 35.7
- Med age, females: 38.5
- **Pop <5: 6.8%**
- % Pop 65+: 12.4%
- % Pop 85+: 1.5%

2029

- Median age: 37.9
- Med age, males: 36.6
- Med age, females: 39.2
- % Pop <5: 6.7%</p>
- **Pop 65+: 17.2%**
- % Pop 85+: 1.7%

Population Growth Comparisons



NC – Southeast Region Compared

Total Pop Rank, 2008:

- Florida, 4
- Georgia, 9
- North Carolina, 10
- Virginia, 12
- Tennessee, 17
- South Carolina, 24
- Kentucky, 26

Rank, % Growth, 07-08

- North Carolina, 4
- Georgia, 9
- South Carolina, 10
- Tennessee, 15
- Virginia, 20
- Kentucky, 26
- Florida, 30

Data: U.S. Census Bureau

NC – Southeast Region Compared

Rank, 07-08 Total Growth

- North Carolina, 3
- Georgia, 4
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Most Populous Counties

2008

- Mecklenburg, 877,000
- Wake, 864,000
- Guilford, 468,000
- Forsyth, 344,000
- Cumberland, 317,000

2029

- Wake, 1,609,000
- Mecklenburg, 1,231,000
- Guilford, 643,000
- Forsyth, 463,000
- Durham, 407,000

Least Populous Counties

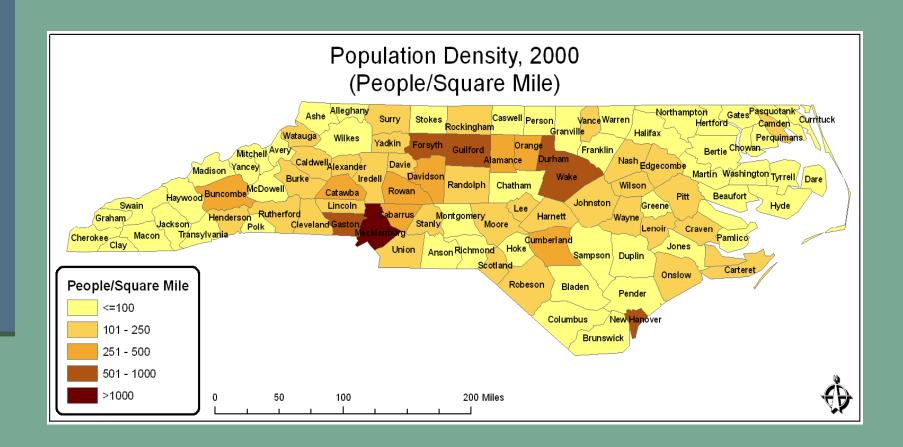
2008

- Tyrell, 4,300
- Hyde, 5,500
- Graham, 8,100
- Camden, 9,700
- Jones, 10,300

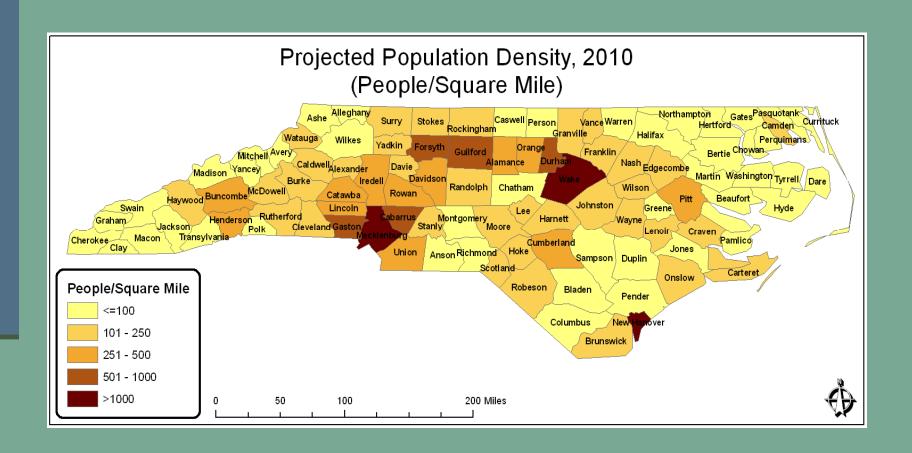
2029

- Tyrell, 4,400
- Hyde, 4,700
- Graham, 9,100
- Jones, 10,300
- Camden, 11,100

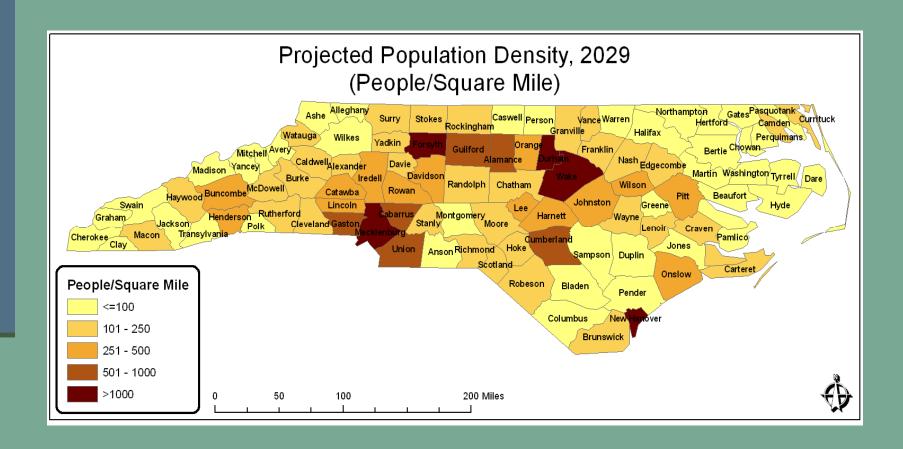
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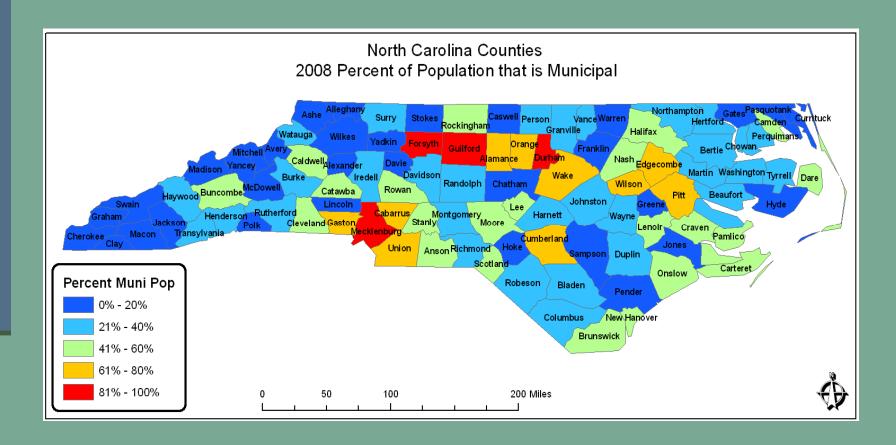
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Municipal/Non-Municipal Population



55.2% of North Carolina's population lives in an incorporated municipality.

Fastest Growing Counties

2000-2008

- Union, 54%
- Camden, 41%
- Brunswick, 41%
- Wake, 38%
- Johnston, 33%

2008-2029

- Union, 104%
- Wake, 86%
- Cabarrus, 80%
- Johnston, 78%
- Brunswick, 75%

Most Total Growth

2000-2008

- Wake, 237,000
- Mecklenburg, 182,000
- Union, 67,000
- Guilford, 47,000
- Johnston, 41,000

2008-2029

- Wake, 745,000
- Mecklenburg, 354,000
- Union, 198,000
- Guilford, 174,000
- Durham, 146,000

Largest Population Loss

2000-2008

- Edgecombe, -3,800
- Halifax, -2,200
- Lenoir, -2,100
- Martin, -1,700
- Northampton, -900

13 counties are estimated to have lost population between 2000 and 2008

2008-2029

- Dare, -4,700
- Martin, -1,900
- Halifax, -1,700
- Caswell, -1,000
- Hyde, -800

13 counties are projected to lose population between 2008 and 2029

